UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	(

KAMAR L. BOATMAN SR.,	, '	
Plaintiff,	<u>,</u> ) , ,	
<b>v.</b>	) Case No.	5:18-CR-185(NAM
SYRACUSE POLICE DEPAI	? RTMENT,	)
Defendant.	)	

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### COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

Plaintiff, Kamar L. Boatman Sr., for his Complaint against Defendant Syracuse Police Department, states and alleges as follows:

### INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff Kamar L. Boatman Sr. is a resident of [Plaintiff's Address].
- 2. Defendant Syracuse Police Department is a municipal law enforcement agency located at 515 South State Street, Syracuse, New York.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question jurisdiction) and 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (civil rights violation).
- 4. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) as the events giving rise to this action occurred in Syracuse, New York.

## **FACTS**

- 5. On May 31, 2018, the Syracuse Police Department executed a search warrant at the residence of Plaintiff Kamar L. Boatman Sr.
- 6. The search warrant affidavit, prepared by Detective Staub, alleged that Detective Staub conducted six controlled buys of crack cocaine from Plaintiff.
- 7. Plaintiff was subsequently arrested based on the evidence obtained from the search warrant.
- 8. Upon investigation, it was discovered that no controlled buys had occurred, rendering the search warrant invalid and the search illegal.
- 9. During the prosecution, Plaintiff, acting as his own attorney (pro se), requested the names of the officers involved in the controlled buys.
- 10. The prosecution responded that there were no names of officers present during the alleged controlled buys, further indicating that the controlled buys never took place.

## **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Violation of Fourth Amendment - Illegal Search)

- 11. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 10.
- 12. The actions of the Syracuse Police Department, through Detective Staub, in securing a search warrant based on false information, violated Plaintiff's Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable searches and seizures.
- 13. As a result of this illegal search, Plaintiff suffered damages, including but not limited to, emotional distress, loss of liberty, and reputational harm.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
(Malicious Prosecution - Violation of Due Process)

- 14. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 13.
- 15. The initiation of criminal proceedings against Plaintiff based on false evidence constitutes malicious prosecution and a violation of Plaintiff's due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.
- 16. Plaintiff suffered damages as a result of this malicious prosecution, including legal costs, emotional distress, and loss of income.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that this Court enter judgment in his favor and against Defendant Syracuse Police Department, and award the following relief:

- A. Compensatory damages in the amount of \$2,000,000 to be paid within 30 days.
- B. An order requiring all Syracuse Police Department vehicles, including unmarked vehicles, to be equipped with GPS tracking devices.
- C. If Plaintiff is required to retain a lawyer and go public with this corruption, he will seek \$20,000,000 in damages.
- D. Costs and expenses of this action, including attorney's fees.
- E. Any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2024.

Kamar L. Boatman Sr. 124 Melbourne Ave

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## **VERIFICATION**

I, Kamar L. Boatman Sr., declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 1st, 2024

Kamar L. Boatman Sr.

CC:

Mayor Ben Walsh Syracuse Common Counsel